

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-12 and 14-15 have been rejected.

Claims 4, 7 and 13 have been objected to.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that dependent Claims 4, 7 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. At this time, Applicants decline to do so in light of the discussion presented below. But Applicants reserve the right to amend these claims as suggested at a time in the future.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-12 and 14-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,694,338, issued to Lindsay ("Lindsay"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent Claims 1, 6, and 11 each contain limitations of substantially the following form:

mapping the source element to the destination element, wherein

said mapping comprises mapping the first source field to the first destination field, and

executing said mapping

provides an unchanged image of data mapped to the first source field to the first destination field for display on the second user interface,

maintains the state of the data and the mapping of the data to the first source field, and

maintains the data only in the first location of the structured environment.

See, e.g., Claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that Lindsay fails to provide disclosure of at least this claim limitation, and specifically “maintain[ing] the data only in the first location of the structured environment.”

As an initial matter, regarding the above claim limitation, the Office Action generally directs Applicants to 30 lines of disclosure between columns 2 and 3 and an additional 110 lines of disclosure between columns 5 and 6. *See* Office Action, p.3. In light of this broad swath of text cited in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the particular parts of Lindsay that are relied upon in the Office Action have not been designated as nearly as practicable, and the pertinence of Lindsay has not been clearly explained, both as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.104(c)(2). Nevertheless, Applicants have made every effort to respond to the rejections outlined in the Office Action.

Lindsay purports to provide a mechanism for mapping information from a first data structure associated with a first document to a second data structure associated with a second document through the use of “virtual aggregate fields.” *See* Lindsay 2:30-31. Lindsay discloses that the “virtual aggregate fields” purportedly create a named field that provides rules for mapping either to or from fields in a first document. *See* Lindsay 2:30-37 & Fig. 2. Lindsay’s virtual aggregate fields are disclosed to be defined using meta-data describing fields in a source document. *See* Lindsay 5:40-53. A translation map is then purportedly formed to be used by a “translation engine 630 to convert, or translate a message from a source format to a target format.” Lindsay 5:55-57. Lindsay then provide “a transform to convert the first document into the second document is automatically generated by applying the mapping rules to the meta-data, including the enabled aggregate virtual fields, of the first and second documents.” Lindsay 6:4-8.

The disclosure in columns 5 and 6 of Lindsay purportedly provides for converting between a source and target document, but provides no disclosure of maintaining data only in a first location of a structured environment, as claimed. Applicants respectfully submit that such maintenance of data only in a first location, and unchanged (also as claimed), would be contrary to Lindsay's disclosed purported conversion between a source and target document.

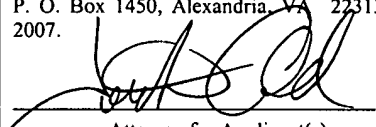
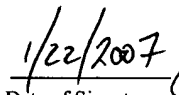
Applicants further submit that the cited sections of Lindsay do not appear to provide disclosure of "provid[ing] an unchanged image of data mapped to the first source field to the first destination field for display on the second user interface" or "maintain[ing] the state of the data and the mapping of the data to the first source field." Again, the stated purpose of Lindsay is to provide a conversion between a source document and a destination document. Nowhere within the cited sections of Lindsay is there expressed a desire to maintain the integrity or information presented in the source document. The focus is upon creating the disclosed virtual aggregate fields to provide for a conversion of data from the source to the destination, and there is no disclosed regard for maintaining the source information.

Additionally, Applicants submit that the cited sections of Lindsay fail to provide for the claimed "source element compris[ing] a source business object, a source business component, and a first source field all pertaining to a first user interface" and "destination element compris[ing] a destination business object, a destination business component, and a first destination field all pertaining to a second user interface." The cited sections of Lindsay relate only to source and target documents and not to data objects, components and fields associated with user interfaces, as claimed. Without such disclosure, Lindsay cannot be said to disclose the claimed limitations.

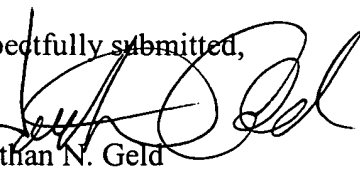
For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Lindsay fails to provide disclosure of all the limitations of independent Claims 1, 6 and 11, and all claims depending therefrom, and that these claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejections as to these claims and an indication of the allowability of same.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

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